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SUBJ: PAIGC CALL TO RECONVENE TALKS WITH PORTUGAL IN
ALGIERS

1. UPON ARRIVAL IN ALGIERS JUNE 9, PAIGC LEADER
LUIS CABRAL TOLD PRESS THAT PAIGC WISHED TO CHANGE
VENUE OF TALKS WITH PORTUGAL FROM LONDON TO ALGIERS.
SINCE FIRST PHASE OF TALKS TOOK PLACE IN EUROPEAN
CAPITAL ALLIED TO PORTUGAL, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE FOR SECOND PHASE TO BE HELD IN
AFRICAN CAPITAL OF ALGIERS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF
ALGERIA'S ROLE IN AFRICA'S STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION.
CABRAL IS EN ROUTE TO MOGADISCIO TO ATTEND OAU
SUMMIT.

2. ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE FROM MOGADISCIO REPORTED
STATEMENT BY OAU ASST SEC GEN PETER ONU THAT PAIGC
REPRESENTATIVE VICTOR MARIA HAD INFORMED PARTICIPANTS
IN OAU MINISTERIAL SESSION OF CHANGE IN LOCUS OF
TALKS.

3. COMMENT. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT PAIGC
RECEIVED GOA APPROVAL PRIOR TO MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT.
IT COULD WELL HAVE BEEN AN ALGERIAN IDEA. ALGIERS
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HAS SUITABLE FACILITIES FOR TALKS EITHER IN TOWN OR

AT CLUB DU PINS INTERNATIONAL CONVERENCE CENTER,
TWELVE MILES WEST, BUT GOP REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD
BE CAUTIONED TO HOLD THEIR PRIVATE INTERNAL CONVER-
SATIONS OUTSIDE BUILDINGS. MOREOVER, IF GOP IS
INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA,
SHIFT OF TALKS TO ALGIERS COULD BE MADE CONDITIONAL
ON DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BY ALGERIA.EAGLETON

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